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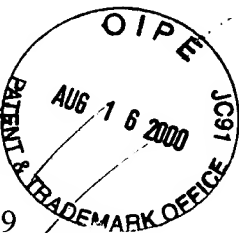
In re application of:

CHATTERJEE, Deb K

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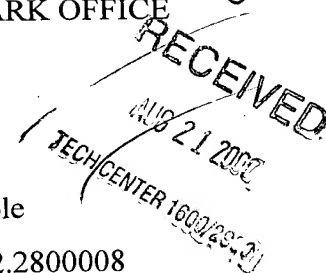
For: **Cloned DNA Polymerases From
Thermotoga maritima and
Mutants Thereof**



Art Unit: 1652

Examiner: E. Stole

Atty. Docket: 0942.2800008



Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated **March 16, 2000**, Applicants submit the following Remarks.

It is not believed that extensions of time are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Please amend this application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claim 2 without disclaimer or prejudice and amend the following claims: